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# BRING HALIBUT DOWN HERE NOW

## Sch. Teaser Here This Morning After Making Boston Market First.

Another halibut fare is here this morning, sch. Teaser, Capt. Peter Dunsky, who was at Boston yesterday bringing his trip here to sell. The New England Fish Company bought the halibut, paying nine cents a pound for white and six and seven cents for grays. Capt. Dunsky also has 10,000 pounds fresh cod and 15,000 pounds salt cod which will be taken out here.

A dandy trip from the Peak is that of sch. Premier, Capt. William Morrissey, who hails for 125,000 pounds, mostly cod. Down from Boston is sch. Frances V. Sylvia with 15,000 pounds of fresh fish and Maud F. Silva with 6000 pounds salt cod.

Yesterday sch. Monitor, Capt. Allen A. Evans arrived from Harbor Breton and St. Jacques, N. F., with 304,000 pounds of salt cod, making the passage home in 13 days. She is consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The gill netters had about 50,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish yesterday. The in-shore boats landed about two-thirds cod and the remainder haddock and pollock. The larger ones of the fleet struck some good-sized pollock, one-half of the catch being pollock and the remainder haddock and cod.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Premier, The Peak, 120,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Monitor, St. Jacques, N. F., 304,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Frances F. Sylvia, via Boston, 150,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Randolph, gill netting, 1900 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Lorena, gill netting, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Robert and Edwin, 3200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Lydia, gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Bessie A., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mary L., gill netting, 1900 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Little Fannie, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Orion, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Swan, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, via Boston, 6000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. James and Esther, shore.  
Sch. Yankee, shore.  
Sch. Teaser, via Boston, 13,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod, 15,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Alert, south seining.  
Sch. Arcadia, south seining.  
Sch. Pauline, Georges handlining.  
Sch. Ralph Russell, drifting.  
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., haddocking.  
Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.  
Sch. Flora L. Oliver, haddocking.  
Sch. Quannapowitt, halibutting.  
Sch. Marion E. Turner, pollock seining.  
Sch. Ella G. King, St. Pierre, Miquelon.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.  
Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:  
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$2; snappers, 75c.  
Peak cod, large, 2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.  
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.  
Cusk, large \$1.35; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 90c, round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 12c for white and 9 1-2c for gray.

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## SCH. R. A. PERCY IS SOLD SOUTH

Sch. Rena A. Percy, Capt. John G. Stream, has been sold to the Warren Fish Company of Pensacola and upon arriving from her present halibut trip will be taken south in command of Capt. Stephen Black of sch. Hope, now engaged in the Pensacola snapper fishery. Capt. Black came here from Florida several days ago to sail the craft back.

The Percy is a fine vessel and was built at East Boothbay, Maine, in 1904. She measures 78 tons gross and two years ago was purchased by Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney to engage in the halibut fishery from this port. She is fitted with gasoline auxiliary power.

Capt. Stream will have a larger and newer vessel, and will command sch. Georgia which he and Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney have purchased. The Georgia measures 102 tons gross and was built at Essex in 1909.

Says the Pensacola News: "The Warren Fish Company, by the purchase of the Rena A. Percy, has taken over two New England fishing vessels this year, the first being the Clara G. Silva, which is now enroute here in command of Captain Thompson.

"Both smacks will come direct to Pensacola, where they will be fitted out for the snapper trade. It is usually the custom to have the New England vessels purchased by local parties fitted out for the gulf fishing in Gloucester. The Warren Fish Company this year has departed from this procedure, however, and will bring the two new smacks direct to this city to be fitted out. Neither of the smacks will stop on the snapper banks enroute.

The Clara G. Silva is expected here within the next week or ten days and the Rena A. Percy may be expected within several weeks after she leaves Gloucester in command of Captain Black."

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### Jealous Fishes in a Duel.

"Fish are liable to the same passions as you and I, and they fight and love as we do," said Dr. Francis Ward. "I can show you a photograph of a rainbow trout in what would have been a fight to the death if I had not interfered. In a pond were a big female trout and her partner, who resented the intrusion of another trout.

"Suddenly one fish charged the other and seized him by the jaw. He shook his opponent as a dog shakes a rat, and kept on until his enemy floated to the top. Then I took the fish out and revived it with a little weak whiskey and water."

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Yakima passed Mulgrave bound north Monday last.

Schs. Elk and James W. Parker arrived at Canso Monday last and cleared.

### Barry Getting Ready.

Capt. James Barry left Woods Islands Monday to get the J. R. Bradley ready to sail as soon as the ice goes out—Western Star.

## FISH TRADE DULL AT T WHARF

### Some Good Fares in the Dock This Morning—Big Catch of Sch. Tacoma.

The trade in fresh fish at T wharf, Boston, still remains dull, although some fancy haddock in which there was shortage in supply brought \$6 a hundred weight, which is the largest price paid for any kind of fresh fish for several days past.

Sch. Tacoma has a big trip, hailing for 140,000 pounds. Other good fares since yesterday's report are schs. Matthew S. Greer, 73,000 pounds; Mary, 46,000 pounds; Josie and Phoebe, 5,000 pounds; steamer Swell, 50,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$1.50 to \$6 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$2.50 to 2.75 for large cod, \$2 to \$2.25 for market cod, \$1.50 for hake and \$1.75 for pollock.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 25,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 800 halibut.

Sch. Mary, 35,000 haddock, 6800 cod, 10,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Str. Swell, 46,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Tacoma, 55,000 haddock, 80,000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Manhasset, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 35,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 hake, 20,000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$1.50; pollock, \$1.75.

## BOOT NOW ON THE OTHER LEG

### We Are Now Sending Car- goes of Bait to St. Pierre Miquelon.

Sch. Ella G. King, which returned from Provincetown a few days after loading with frozen squid, to complete her cargo at this port, sailed for St. Pierre yesterday, where she will sell her supply to the fishermen there.

The carrying of frozen squid to supply the French and Newfoundland fishermen is a new venture, following the lack of bait this winter on the Newfoundland coast. The initial experiment of sending down one load was so successful that other crafts have been sent there, schs. Monitor, just returned here with a cargo of salt cod, Essex and Ramona having taken cargoes there.

#### Portland Fishing Notes.

One of the best fish fares brought here recently was that of the Gloucester schooner Effie M. Morrissey, which arrived Monday from a three weeks cruise on the Cape Shore of Nova Scotia. She hauled for 27,000 pounds of halibut, 8000 pounds of salt cod, and 25,000 pounds of cusk. The halibut were purchased by Capt. Fred Harty for the New England Fish Co. he paying \$1-2 and 10 1-2 cents. The skipper reports a lot of foggy and disagreeable weather on the fishing grounds, but made a fine catch notwithstanding.

Fish are scarce in the Portland market just at present. There has been no great rise in price, for there is plenty of the sea food being taken into Boston and from the Hub to Portland dealers are able to secure all that may be needed for the local demand.

But the fact remains that very few fish are being brought into Portland. The skippers of the local fleet are at a loss to know why the fish are not taking hold, for they have been able to set their trawls and have not had any rough weather. It is too early for dogfish and the haddock and cod have not begun to spawn. "The fish just won't be caught," was the way one skipper expressed it.

## THE SALT COD MARKET NOW

All kinds of export codfish rule firm, with an upward tendency, says the Fishing Gazette. Dealers say the situation is favorable for higher prices, as business is on the upgrade, and the demand gradually strengthening. Ad- vices from Halifax to one dealer this week said the supply of large fish was much smaller than usual, and the catch very small so far, especially in Newfoundland, where unfavorable weather and drifting ice have interfered with fishing. Quotations in New York have not advanced yet, as some of the dealers are pretty well stocked up, and until these supplies are depleted, little change is expected.

McKenzie & Co., discussing the foreign market, say: "Scotch fishing is over for the season. The supply of fine, fat herrings is entirely out and the trade now will take harder cured Downing's Bay stock, of which the supply is fair—just enough to carry the trade over to the new season. It is reported that some new matjes herrings arrived this week, but we don't expect the quality to be altogether up to standard till June."

Some importers say they expect more active demand now on and probably an advance in prices, as no more goods are to be brought over and the supply now is in close hands.

Dealers say that not for years has there been such a light supply of codfish at Gloucester, and the light supplies are general in producing markets. It has been rather an unusual situation—mild and balmy ashore, but rough and squally outside.

"This is not the time of year for prices to go up," said one dealer. "We are looking for increased supplies shortly, and the demand for some time has been larger than the supply. Soon we shall have a country demand and this will improve market conditions in all likelihood."

Salt mackerel are in light receipt, and not much improvement can be expected until the arrival of new fish. Irish and Norway fish are in good supply. Prices are unchanged.

## BOND'S IDEA OF TARIFF BILL

In regard to the proposed United new tariff bill Sir Robert Bond, leader of the opposition in the Newfoundland Legislature, stated in a recent interview: "Free fish would, of course, benefit Newfoundland more than anything else, but until I see the provisions of the new bill and can ascertain exactly what is proposed in this regard, I would not care to discuss the matter further."

At St. John's this week the principal topic of discussion is the proposed free fish clause of the United States tariff bill. It is claimed that if passed free fish into the United States will be a big factor in the development of the Maritime Provinces. It is believed that in the event of that clause going through the fish trade of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will export more fresh fish than formerly, as the New England market will call for increased supplies of green fish. This will also mean that Canadian fish producers will cure fewer fish for export purposes. It is probable also that Gloucester fishing houses will establish branches in the colony and ship the product to their home establishments.

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## FIRST NETTER AT NEW YORK

The first mackerel netter to arrive this season is reported at Fulton dock, New York this morning, sch. Dorcas, Capt. Frank Nolan being in with 1600 large fresh mackerel, according to information received by the Times today.



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# HALF MILLION POUNDS TO SPLIT

## Seven Haddockers From Boston With Big Lots of Fresh Fish.

Over half a million pounds of fresh fish were sent down here from Boston yesterday on account of the dull market as a result of which the splitters are busy this morning, dressing them to salt.

The fares here are schs. Jeanette and Harriett, 120,000 pounds each; Belbina P. Domingoes, 110,000 pounds; Mary P. Goulart, 100,000 pounds; Jorgina, 60,000 pounds; Aspinet, 75,000 pounds and Ellen and Mary 75,000 pounds.

The first five trips were purchased by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company while that of the Aspinet and Ellen and Mary sold to the Cunningham & Thompson Company.

On account of the heavy weather outside yesterday, only two of the gill netters lifted, having 7000 pounds of fresh fish among them.

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Sch. Jorgina, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Aspinet, via Boston, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mystery, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Ellen and Mary, via Boston, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.  
Sch. Stranger, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Atalanta, fitched halibuting.  
Sch. Julietta, south netting.  
Sch. Florida, south netting.  
Sch. James and Esther, haddocking.  
Sch. Adeline, haddocking.  
Sch. Marsala, Georges handlining.  
Sch. Reliance, pollock seining.

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Dressed pollock, 90c, round, 80c.  
Bank halibut, 12c for white and 1-2c for gray.

## FIRST FLITCHER HAS SAILED

Sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadsworth, the first of the fitched halibut and advance guard of the few boats from here, which will spend the summer in the iceberg filled waters of the frozen north, sailed yesterday afternoon.

### Two Vessels Launched at Mahone.

A large number of persons assembled on Saturday evening 19th inst., at Mahone Bay, N. S., to witness the launching of a vessel built by J. Ernest Son for Capt. Zink of Rose Bay. This vessel is a duplicate of the one launched a few weeks ago, and is 116 feet overall, 10 feet 6 depth of hold and 25 feet in breadth, and was named the "Mary F. Fleming."

The Messrs. Ernest are about laying the keel of a tern schooner suitable both for fishing and for the coasting trade to be commanded by Capt. L. Wentzell, one of Mahone Bay's successful skippers.

On Tuesday last Messrs. J. McLean & Sons launched a fine fishing schooner, the H. H. MacIntosh, for Capt. Whynot of Lunenburg. This vessel registers 99 tons and is 122 feet over all, 26 feet beam and 10 feet 10 inches hold. — Halifax Chronicle.

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## WOULD MARK THEIR BARRELS

### To Trace Poorly Put Up Herring, Plan of Bay St. George Fisherman.

In order to make the herring business more profitable and to insure that only the best product is put forth, the fishermen of St. George Bay, N. F., have recently forwarded a set of resolutions to the government, seeking legislation such as will make it necessary for the Newfoundland herring fishermen who puts up herring for sale to first secure a license from the authorities and mark each barrel of fish with an official stencil mark.

The resolutions as published in the Western Star recently, follows:

Whereas, the fishermen of Bay St. George have to trust to a great extent to the herring fishery for a living, the men of Sandy Point almost entirely, and

Whereas, for years past the price received for these herrings has been too low to make the fishery a profitable business for the fishermen, and,

Whereas, the price is regulated to a great degree by the way in which the herring is packed and that some fishermen do not use sufficient care in preparing their herring for market,

Be it Resolved, that this meeting, representing the fishermen of Sandy Point, ask the government to issue a license to any fishermen in Bay of St. George who puts up herring for sale, who will be given a number to be placed on each and every barrel sold by him so as to make it possible to trace and bad herring to the person who sold the same, and,

Be it resolved, that the government be asked to consider this matter as quickly as possible, to issue licenses before May 1st as the herring fishery opens on or about that day and as early as is consistent afterward to provide any fisherman with a stenciling plate containing some official mark (say a crown) a number and the word Bay St. George, N. F., and,

Be it resolved, that the government be asked to issue instructions to masters of schooners not to receive any barrel on which the number of the shipper cannot be distinguished, and further,

Be it resolved, that these resolutions be signed by 11 persons present and that copies be sent to the Governor-in-Council, the member for the district, the principal St. John's papers, the Western Star and, also, the chief settlements around the Bay.

Signed by Rev. E. A. Butler, chairman, W. C. Messervy, secretary, R. Perry, Joseph Pieroway, M. H. Fillatre, Arthur. Cashin, John Messervy, Wilfred LeRoux, Alfred Pieroway, H. McPartridge and Edmund Parsons.

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Schooner Albert D. Willard, which came in on Saturday, will do no more fishing at present, hauling off for cleaning and painting and general repairs, preparatory to starting out in search of swordfish the last of May.

Pollock are more or less plentiful. The schooner Onaway, arrived late Tuesday afternoon with 700 barrels of large herring, which she sold to the schooner Effie M. Morrissey for \$2 per barrel.

### Herring on Maine Coast.

Large herring have been seen in several directions along the Maine coast within a few days, and 270 barrels are reported as having been taken into Port Clyde Tuesday. The thick fog prevailing the past few days has bothered the fishermen badly, but few catches having been made this week.

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## MEUSE FOUGHT A BIG LOBSTER

The story of a fight with a giant lobster, as the result of which he was severely injured about the hands and legs, was unfolded on the Boston water front yesterday by John Meuse, when the fishing schooner Ellen and Mary arrived. Fisherman Meuse had the live lobster aboard the vessel to prove his tale. It measures nearly three feet long, and its claws 18 inches long.

The lobster weighed 11 pounds and is one of the largest ever brought to Boston. Meuse caught it on a trawl hook and when he got it into the boat it made a savage attack upon him. Numerous wounds on his hands and legs bear witness to the nature of the assault. Meuse finally subdued the giant crustacean with an oar. This grandfather of all lobsters was evidently a good fighter and always came off victorious in its battles with denizens of the deep, for it was in perfect condition. Experts on the waterfront figured that the lobster was 25 years old. It was covered with barnacles. The catch was made on Brown's bank, and Capt. Brophy figured that the lobster must have been a mascot, for the Ellen and Mary had a cargo of 106,000 pounds of fish aboard.

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## JACK MCKAY

### And Then They to Pacific

Sch. Catherine Burke, Capt. Jack McKay, whose mammoth halibut fare has been the talk of the water front since yesterday forenoon, weighed off 79,694 pounds of halibut, half white and half gray, which together with her codfish, gave a total stock of \$5,354.96, one of the record trips in recent years.

Capt. McKay's big stock is exceeded by that of sch. Harmony, Capt. Christopher Gibbs, of two weeks ago, although the latter did not weigh off so many fish. Capt. Gibbs struck

## STOCKED OVER \$5000

### Talk About Going Coast!

ter market, however, which boosted his stock to \$6,293.32, from which the crew averaged \$198 to a man.

The Burke's crew of 20 men shared \$148.69 clear, which is "not so bad" for a month's trip.

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### SOMETHING FOR YOU TO CONSIDER UPON

The close reading of the following item from the Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star is worth while: "Had Bay of Islands the privilege of drafting the new American tariff, it could not have been made to suit our interest more perfectly than the proposed bill.

If that bill passes, as seems certain now, many thousands of dollars will be

vested here shortly in plants; the amount spent for wages this year will be more than doubled; there will be more work for more labor than can be obtained; and there will be a ready market for much more fish than is caught present and at higher prices. It is development such as is taking place in the West Coast that will keep the north of Newfoundland from emigrating."

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## DR. SMITH NOW COMMISSIONER

It is now Dr. Hugh M. Smith, Commissioner of Fisheries, the senate yesterday voting to confirm the nomination which President Wilson sent to the body a few days ago.

Needless to say the appointment is a popular and pleasing one to Gloucester, where he has many admirers and friends. When it became evident that Commissioner George M. Bowers would leave the department with the inauguration of a new administration, the friends of Dr. Smith commented to get busy to secure his appointment to this office. Among the first endorsements that he received were from the Board of Trade and Master Mariners Association of this city, while Boston and Provincetown fish organizations and other places later sent letters requesting his appointment.

The ability of the new commissioner is attested by the valued service he has already rendered the department during a long and notable career, and by the many expressions of approval which are being voiced on all sides at his appointment.

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**Halibut at Portland.**  
Schs. Avalon and W. H. Moody are at Portland this morning, the former with 35,000 pounds fresh halibut and the latter 5000 pounds.

**Fishing Fleet Movements.**  
Schs. Vanessa, Elk, Yakima and James W. Parker, sailed from Canso, N. S., Tuesday last for the Magdalens.

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### The Humble Herring.

The humble herring being one of the most common fish, does not get nearly so much attention as it would otherwise, and people have very little idea of its importance. Some idea of the number of herrings that are yearly caught and eaten in Europe may be gathered from the fact that in 1912 there were 3,623,807 barrels of herring pickled in Europe alone. To this enormous total Great Britain contributed 2,360,355 barrels, or more than four times the number contributed by any other country.

On an average it is reckoned that 800 herrings are pickled in each barrel, so that the number of herrings cured during a year in Europe reaches the enormous rough total of 2,900,000,000. About three parts of an entire year's catch of herrings are put into pickle, though this does not include those which are tinned, kippered, bloatered or treated in divers other ways.

In spite of the enormous proportion of herrings that are pickled in Great Britain the sale in this country is comparatively small, the chief markets being in Russia and Germany.